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The Department of Water Resources is seeking proposals from qualified public agencies interested in contracting with DWR to develop methods to reuse subsurface agricultural drainage water. The proposals must meet the requirements described in the enclosed "Six-Year Program for On-Farm Drainage Management and Harvesting of Salts" ("Six-Year Drainage Program") (Enclosure 1). Cost-shared proposals are highly desirable.

The program is in the fourth year of implementation and is authorized by Section 78645 of the Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Act of 1996, (Proposition 204, "Drainage Reuse Program"). Beginning July 1, 2003 (State fiscal year 2003-04), the program has \$400,000 available to fund eligible projects this year. The proposed projects or investigations could have duration of one year or more.

Priority is given to research projects and investigations proposed by San Joaquin Valley Drainage Implementation Program member agencies. Agencies subject to the Urban Water Management Planning Act must have adopted a plan that meets the requirements of the law and submitted it to DWR to be eligible for Proposition 204 funding (Senate Bill 610, Costa).

Please submit proposals in a format similar to the Project Proposal Format (see Enclosure 2). Proposals should include a title, principal investigator, cooperators, name of consultants, description of the problem, objectives, project specific tasks, methods and materials, schedule, cost estimates, cost-share requests from Proposition 204, and deliverable products.

Please submit your proposals by May 2, 2003 to:

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In addition to mailing your proposal, we also request that you submit an electronic copy via email to jifaria@water.ca.gov with courtesy copy to malemi@water.ca.gov. All project proposals will be screened according to the Six-Year Drainage Program intent and objectives. Eligible proposals will be submitted to the Drainage Reuse Program Technical Review Committee for review and recommendation. The selected proposals will be submitted to the Program Oversight Committee for final approval.

We plan to announce the approved projects by July 31, 2003. Please allow approximately six months for the contracting process to be completed. The schedule of review and approval process is shown in (Enclosure 3).

If you have any questions, please contact Jose Faria at (559) 230-3339 or Manucher Alemi at (916) 651-9662.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (3)

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